

ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

Mission Statement: "Working together to meet the health and human service needs of adults and seniors."

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Members

Boards, Commissions and Community Groups

Adult Abuse Prevention Council
Commission on Aging
Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
Health Commission
HIV Prevention, Advocacy and Care Consortium
Homeless Services Council
Medical Society of San Luis Obispo
Mental Health Board
SLO Supportive Housing Consortium

Non-Profit Agencies

AIDS Support Network
Area Agency on Aging
Arroyo Grande Community Hospital
Community Health Centers
Economic Opportunity Commission
French Hospital Medical Center
Hospice Partners of the Central Coast
HOTLINE
Independent Living Resource Center
Lifesteps Foundation
LTC Ombudsman
Senior Nutrition Program
Senior Peer Counseling
Senior Volunteer Services
Transitions/Mental Health Association
Tri-Counties Regional Center
United Way of San Luis Obispo

Private Organizations

Bates Care Case Management
Best Care
Gentiva Health Care Systems
Sierra Vista Medical Center
Twin Cities Community Hospital

Public Agencies

Housing Authority
IHSS Public Authority
San Luis County Departments of:
Behavioral Health / Drug and Alcohol Services
Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Office
District Attorney / Victim Witness Assistance Center
Probation
Public Health, Medical Services & Public Guardian
Sheriff
Social Services
Veteran's Services

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2975 MCMILLAN ROAD SAN LUIS OBISPO
SUITE 164 (THE BIG CONFERENCE ROOM)

Agenda

September 9, 2005
9:00 – 11:00 AM

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS

PUBLIC COMMENT—LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES

COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

Operations: Larry Bacus
Contract: Marsha Bollinger

HICAP-BILL PATE

Next meeting is October 7, 2005

9:00 – 11:00 AM
McMillan Street location

P.O. Box 8119, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-8119

SYNOPSIS of September 9, 2005 MEETING

NAME	AGENCY	Member/ Guest
Cindy Marie Absey	Victim/Witness Assistance, District Attorney's Office	Member
Larry Bacus	Community Health Centers	Member
Martin Basti	Sheriff's Department	Member
JD	Bates Care Management, representative	Member
Marsha Bollinger	Public Health Department	Member
Penny Chamousis	Health Commission	Member
Rick Cohen	Medical Society of San Luis Obispo	Member
Pam Crabaugh	Tri-Counties Regional Center	Member
Kim Fellows	Probation	Member
John Gannon	Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board	Member
Gary A. Hughes	Mental Health Board	Member
Paul Hyman	Drug & Alcohol Services	Member
Barry Johnson	Transitions-Mental Health Association	Member
Lillian Judd	Economic Opportunity Commission	Member
Angie King	Adult Abuse Prevention Council	Member
Lidia Arango McCune	Hospice of SLO Co./Latino Outreach Council	Member
Evan Mendelson	Hotline	Member
Lisa Niesen	Public Guardian	Member
Michael Piepenburg	Veterans' Services	Member
Helen Sampson	Linkages Project Manager	Member
Carol Schmidt	Senior Peer Counseling	Member
Karen Stenson	Long Term Care Ombudsman	Member
Ann Travers	Adult Services/ Department of Social Services	Member
Rod Youngquist	Sierra Vista Medical Center	Member
Judith Blinstein	Hospice Partners of the Central Coast	Guest
Bill Pate	HICAP	Guest

Introductions and Announcements

The Area Agency on Aging is one of the sponsors of a Suicide Prevention Workshop on September 27th in the new Board of Supervisors Chambers. Please contact the Area Agency on Aging for information.

The Governor signed the new law that expands the Adult and Elder Abuse Mandated Reporting Law to include employees of financial institutions.

Public Comment

Evan Mendelson, Hotline, will bring an update on the implementation of the 211 phone service to the October meeting.

Several members brought up concerns how prepared we are to handle a disaster in this county and our ability to provide services to our disabled/frail clients during an emergency. This was a reaction to what we have been seeing as a result of Hurricane Katrina. It was decided that we would use the November meeting to learn about the county disaster preparedness plans and how to link service providers to that plan.

Report on Community Health Centers, Larry Bacus & Marsha Bollinger

Larry handed out copies of the CHC/ County contract annual report for 2004/05. CHC met all of the performance measures that the County mandated. In addition to the Patient Advocacy Council, CHC is having regional meetings where the public can meet CHC physicians. Call Larry to find out when and where. Podiatry is being added to the services at the San Luis Obispo Clinic. The Cambria clinic is open 20 hours a week. The clinic has a physician and a nurse practitioner.

Marsha Bollinger talked about ways that she monitors the CHC clinics including quality assurance, chart audits, and checking physician's credentials.

Medicare Part D. presentation by Bill Pate, HICAP

The new Medicare prescription drug coverage will go into effect January 1, 2006. Commercial insurance providers and HMO's will develop plans that are approved by the Center for Medicare and MediCal (CMS) and provide at least standard coverage. The drug list for each plan may be different. Each plan must have 2 approved drugs for each of 146 therapeutic classes. It is important for those who enroll in a plan to compare the drugs they need with the drugs offered in a plan. The state of California has been designated as a region. Each region will have a premium amount that enrollees must pay. The premium for California residents is \$25.00 per month. The annual deductible is \$250 per person in 2006. The standard coverage is that the plan will cover 75% of the cost of drugs on the approved drug list up to \$2250 per year. There will be no coverage for drug costs between \$2250 and \$5100. The plans will cover 95% of the cost of drugs above \$5100 per year.

- Several classes of Medicare recipients are not eligible for Medicare Part D:
- Persons who are employed and have coverage through their employer
- Person who have drug coverage through their retirement health plan
- Retired military who have Tricare for Life
- Persons who receive VA drug benefits
- Persons who are Medicare/MediCal do not have to enroll in Medicare Part D. They will automatically be enrolled in a plan in their region.

Medicare recipients are not just persons over 65. They also may be adults with disabilities or children or survivors of Medicare recipients.

HICAP counselors are available to help county residents figure out their best choice. Please contact Suzanne if you want a copy of the power point presentation that Bill provided. Please call HICAP to discuss any concerns you have about the impact of Medicare Part D on your clients.

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